

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a NATIONAL GRID
DISTRIBUTION ADJUSTMENT CHARGE – DOCKET NO. 5040

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87653176573> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 876 5317 6573 followed by the # symbol when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of a filing submitted by National Grid seeking to implement revised Distribution Adjustment Charge (DAC) factors effective November 1, 2020. The DAC is designed to provide for the recovery and reconciliation of the costs of identifiable special programs. The DAC includes the following components: an annual System Pressure factor; an Advanced Gas Technology (AGT) factor; an Environmental Response Cost factor; a Pension Adjustment Factor; an Arrearage Management Adjustment Factor; a Service Quality Performance factor; a Revenue Decoupling Adjustment (RDA) factor; rate class specific Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability (ISR) factors; two reconciliation factors for the previous year; an Earnings Sharing Mechanism factor; a Firm Revenue Credit factor; a Low Income Discount Recovery Factor; an Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Tax (ADIT) Credit factor; and a Storm Net Revenue factor. The bill impact on a typical Residential Heating customer using 845 therms annually, is an annual increase of \$52.16, or 4.1%, as compared to the DAC rates currently in effect. The bill impact on a typical Residential Heating Low Income customer is an increase of \$37.51 or 3.9%. The bill impact on other customers will vary based on rate class.

The filing is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5040page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
September 5, 2020